

Amendments to the Claims

1-18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently amended) In combination, a disc locking device and a media storage container adapted to receive a CD or DVD media disc; the CD or DVD media disc defining a central opening; the combination comprising:

- a media storage container having a base and a lid; the lid being hinged to the base and pivotably movable between open and closed positions with respect to the base in a book-like manner;

- the lid and base cooperating to define a storage chamber when the lid is in the closed position;

- the storage chamber being adapted to entirely receive a standard-sized CD or DVD media disc;

- a disc-retaining hub connected to the base and extending into the storage chamber of the container; the disc-retaining hub having a sidewall adapted to at least partially pass through the central opening of a CD or DVD media disc when the CD or DVD media disc is placed on the disc-retaining hub;

- the disc-retaining hub holding the CD or DVD media disc on the hub in a manner that allows the CD or DVD media disc to be removed from the disc-retaining hub and replaced on the disc-retaining hub;

- the disc-retaining hub having a central opening;

- a disc locking device adapted to cooperate with the disc-retaining hub to lock a CD or DVD media disc on the disc-retaining hub;

- the disc locking device including a locking device base and a locking device head configured to lock to the locking device base;

- the locking device base defining an opening;

- the sidewall of the disc-retaining hub surrounding and engaging a portion of the locking device base;

- the locking device head having an elongated member that extends through the opening of the locking device base to lockingly engage the locking device base; and

the disc locking device cooperating with the disc-retaining hub to prevent the CD or DVD media disc from being removed from the disc-retaining hub when the locking device base is locked to the locking device head.

20. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 19, further comprising a support surface disposed above the base to prevent the CD or DVD media disc from resting against the base when the CD or DVD media disc is disposed on the disc-retaining hub.

21. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 19, further comprising an EAS tag carried by one of the container and the disc locking device.

22. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 19, wherein the lid is pivotable between the open and closed positions when the disc-locking device is locking the CD or DVD media disc to the disc-retaining hub.

23. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 19, wherein the sidewall of the disc-retaining hub defines at least one protrusion having a portion adapted to be disposed over the CD or DVD media disc when the CD or DVD media disc is disposed on the disc-retaining hub.

24. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 19, wherein the locking device base is fixed with respect to the disc-retaining hub.

25. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 19, wherein the opening of the locking device base is disposed adjacent to the opening of the disc-retaining hub.

26. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 19, wherein the locking device base defines a shoulder; the disc-retaining hub engaging the shoulder.

27. (Currently amended) In combination, a disc locking device and a media storage container adapted to receive a CD or DVD media disc; the CD or DVD media disc defining a central opening; the combination comprising:

- a media storage container having a base and a lid; the lid being hinged to the base and pivotably movable between open and closed positions with respect to the base in a book-like manner;

- the lid and base cooperating to define a storage chamber when the lid is in the closed position;

- a disc-retaining hub connected to the base and extending into the storage chamber of the container; the disc-retaining hub having a sidewall adapted to at least partially pass through the central opening of a CD or DVD media disc when the CD or DVD media disc is placed on the disc-retaining hub;

- the storage chamber being adapted to entirely receive a standard-sized CD or DVD media disc when the media disc is disposed on the disc-retaining hub;

- the disc-retaining hub holding the CD or DVD media disc on the hub in a manner that allows the CD or DVD media disc to be removed from the disc-retaining hub and replaced on the disc-retaining hub;

- a support surface disposed above the base to prevent the CD or DVD media disc from resting directly against the base when the CD or DVD media disc is disposed on the disc-retaining hub;

- a disc locking device adapted to cooperate with the disc-retaining hub to lock a CD or DVD media disc on the disc-retaining hub;

- the disc locking device including a locking device base and a locking device head configured to lock together;

- the locking device base defining an opening;

- the sidewall of the disc-retaining hub surrounding and engaging a portion of the locking device base;

- the locking device head having an elongated member that extends into a portion of the disc-retaining hub and through the opening of the locking device base to locking engage the locking device base; and

the disc locking device cooperating with the disc-retaining hub to prevent the CD or DVD media disc from being removed from the disc-retaining hub when the locking device base is locked to the locking device head.

28. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 27, wherein the locking device base is fixed with respect to the disc-retaining hub.

29. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 27, wherein the locking engagement between the locking device base and locking device head is surrounded by the disc-retaining hub to protect the locking engagement from tampering.

30. (Currently amended) In combination, a disc locking device and a media storage container adapted to receive a CD or DVD media disc; the CD or DVD media disc defining a central opening; the combination comprising:

- a media storage container having a base and a lid; the lid being hinged to the base and pivotably movable between open and closed positions with respect to the base in a book-like manner;

- the lid and base cooperating to define a storage chamber when the lid is in the closed position;

- the storage chamber being adapted to entirely receive a standard-sized CD or DVD media disc;

- a disc-retaining hub connected to the base and extending into the storage chamber of the container; the disc-retaining hub having a sidewall adapted to pass at least partially through the central opening of a CD or DVD media disc when the CD or DVD media disc is placed on the disc-retaining hub;

- the disc-retaining hub holding the CD or DVD media disc on the hub in a manner that allows the CD or DVD media disc to be removed from the disc-retaining hub and replaced on the disc-retaining hub;

- the disc-retaining hub having a central opening;

- a disc locking device adapted to cooperate with the disc-retaining hub to lock a CD or DVD media disc on the disc-retaining hub;

the disc locking device including a locking device base and a locking device head configured to lock to the locking device base;

the locking device base defining an opening;

the sidewall of the disc-retaining hub surrounding and engaging a portion of the locking device base;

the locking device head having an elongated member that extends through the opening of the locking device base to lockingly engage the locking device base;

the locking engagement between the locking device base and locking device head being surrounded by the disc-retaining hub to protect the locking engagement from tampering; and

the disc locking device cooperating with the disc-retaining hub to prevent the CD or DVD media disc from being removed from the disc-retaining hub when the locking device base is locked to the locking device head.

31. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 30, wherein the locking device base is fixed with respect to the disc-retaining hub.

32. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 30, further comprising a support surface disposed above the base to prevent the CD or DVD media disc from resting against the base when the CD or DVD media disc is disposed on the disc-retaining hub.

33. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 30, wherein the lid is pivotable between the open and closed positions when the disc-locking device is locking the CD or DVD media disc to the disc-retaining hub.

34. (New) In combination, a disc locking device and a media storage container adapted to receive a recorded media disc; the recorded media disc defining a central opening; the combination comprising:

a media storage container having a base and a lid; the lid being hinged to the base and pivotably movable between open and closed positions with respect to the base;

the lid and base cooperating to define a storage chamber when the lid is in the closed position;

a disc-retaining hub connected to the base; the disc-retaining hub having a sidewall adapted to pass at least partially through the central opening of the media disc when the media disc is placed on the disc-retaining hub;

the disc-retaining hub holding the media disc on the hub in a manner that allows the media disc to be removed from the disc-retaining hub and replaced on the disc-retaining hub;

the disc-retaining hub having a central opening;

a disc locking device adapted to cooperate with the disc-retaining hub to lock the media disc to the disc-retaining hub;

the disc locking device including a locking device base and a locking device head configured to lock to the locking device base;

the locking device base defining an opening aligned with the opening of the disc-retaining hub;

a portion of the locking device base engaging and being disposed inwardly of the sidewall of the disc-retaining hub;

the locking device base being fixed with respect to the disc-retaining hub;

the locking device head having an elongated member that extends through the opening of the locking device base to lockingly engage the locking device base; and

the disc locking device cooperating with the disc-retaining hub to prevent the media disc from being removed from the disc-retaining hub when the locking device base is locked to the locking device head.

35. (New) The combination of claim 34, further comprising a support surface disposed above the container base to prevent the media disc from resting against the container base when the media disc is disposed on the disc-retaining hub